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2. The problem posed by this letter was discussed with Dr. Luther B. Evans, Librarian of Congress, and with other persons concerned, by a representative of the Director of Central Intelligence.

3. After consideration of all testimony, the enclosed and appended papers have been prepared as a basis for action in this matter.

4. It is therefore recommended that the Intelligence Advisory Board concur in the submittal of the Enclosure for consideration by the National Intelligence Authority.

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with the unanimous concurrence of the  
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2. The matter was laid before the Director by letter of Mr. Alfred McCormack, dated 4 March, 1946.

3. After consideration of all evidence assembled in the case, the Director of Central Intelligence concludes that:-

a. The continuation, on a permanent basis, of an inter-departmental committee to coordinate the acquisition of foreign publications for the use of government agencies in necessary in the interest of economy and efficiency.

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Discussion upon which these conclusions are based in contained in Enclosure "B" (Appendix "B" hereto).

4. The enclosed draft N.I.A. Directive has been prepared to provide the means for carrying out the recommendations based upon the above conclusions. It has been unanimously concurred in by the Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board, which included the Librarian of Congress and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this case.

5. It is recommended that the National Intelligence Authority approve the draft directive in Enclosure "A" (Appendix "A" hereto).

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APPENDIX "A"

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PROVISION FOR COORDINATING THE  
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3. Other Federal agencies, not primarily concerned with intelligence bearing on the national security, are also interested in the acquisition of foreign publications. Some twenty-one (21) Federal agencies have shown an interest in the matter and manifested that interest by sending representatives to meetings held in the office of the Librarian of Congress on 7 September and 25 October 1945. These meetings considered the coordination of the procurement effort but had neither formal authority nor power to act.

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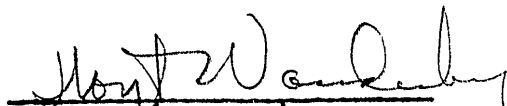
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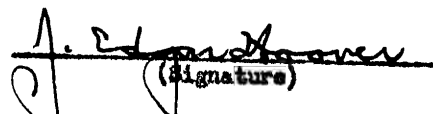
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*my middle initial is H.*

*Luther H. Evans*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD:

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1. It is requested that the individual members of the Intelligence Advisory Board return the attached memorandum to the Secretary by 1630, Thursday, 6 June 1946, after making appropriate entry in the space provided.

JAMES S. LAY, JR.  
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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

PROVISION FOR COORDINATING THE  
ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

Report by the Director of Central Intelligence  
with the unanimous concurrence of the  
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1. It has been suggested by the Librarian of Congress that an Inter-departmental Committee on the Acquisition of Foreign Publications, such as that which existed during the war, should be established on a permanent basis. The Department of State supports the principle embodied in this suggestion.

2. The matter was laid before the Director by letter of Mr. Alfred McCormack, dated 4 March, 1946.

3. After consideration of all evidence assembled in the case, the Director of Central Intelligence concludes that:-

a. The continuation, on a permanent basis, of an inter-departmental committee to coordinate the acquisition of foreign publications for the use of government agencies is necessary in the interest of economy and efficiency.

b. The materials collected as a result of the committee's activities will contain much information needed for the production of intelligence related to the national security. Therefore, the N.I.A. should assume responsibility in the matter.

c. The organization of the committee on a permanent basis, should be arranged for by the Director of Central Intelligence.

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APPENDIX "A"

D R A F T

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PROVISION FOR COORDINATING THE  
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1. A permanent Inter-departmental Committee on the Acquisition of Foreign Publications is hereby established. The Department of State will administer the committee and furnish the Secretariat therefore.
2. The Director of Central Intelligence will invite the Librarian of Congress to accept the Chairmanship of the Committee and will send invitations for membership on the Committee to representatives of all Federal agencies interested in the acquisition of foreign publications for the conduct of their business.
3. The Committee will have duties and responsibilities as follows:-
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shall include recommendations for the maintenance of comprehensive collections of library materials, in appropriate locations, the rapid interchange and loan of such materials, and the distribution of bibliographical information. These coordinating responsibilities are distinct from and therefore will not interfere with the usual responsibilities of individual agencies for the maintenance of working collections of library materials necessary to the transaction of their business.

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d. To review ~~given~~ requisitions on the State Department procurement facilities whenever it is necessary to determine whether said requisitions are consistent with the Committee's comprehensive acquisitions program.

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2. The primary concern of such parts of this existing and continuing committee as are within the departments whose heads constitute the NIA is foreign publications having possible intelligence information value in connection with the national intelligence mission concerned with the national security.

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8. The interest of C.I.A. in the problem is due to its continuing responsibility for coordinating the collection of intelligence information bearing upon the national security, and the fact that some of the publications acquired will have value in that connection. Therefore, this is ~~(a service of common concern)~~ which can be most efficiently initiated and organized by N.I.A. action.

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9 May, 1946

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Captain, U.S.N.,  
Chief, Central Planning Staff.

Enclosures:- as noted in para. 1.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

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